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prob. 1889 again

Dear Mr.

I answered you immedi-
ately upon receiving the check,
which will give me a great
deal of pleasure, and yet
I am distressed over your
sending it. You know
I have now everything in the
world I could wish for,
within reason, and you can
easily imagine that I regret

Your making a sacrifice to
send me money when you
know well, that I have more
luxury and more than I
have - Naturally I would
feel much happier & think
of your having a carriage
and all that you ought to
have, and which I have
already - You must learn
to indulge yourself more, and
think less of others - Your
Children are all comfortable
and well fixed and you know

Should just enjoy life and use some of
your money for yourself instead of keeping
giving on your children for whom you have
done everything always - I have not yet
decided upon a dress or some thing for
the house with your present - And now
Sis has just overwhelmed me with her lovely
gifts the centerpiece of glass and the clock -

I was just about to buy a centerpiece
(table) with your money; as I thought the Mayolica
jar (which I always used in Morristown the
big jar) we seemed a little heavy and dark
with all the fine China and glass -ware -
I have had a beautiful dark green cloth
dress made, with very lovely shaped coat
trimmed with my fur which was never
satisfactorily put on the blue dress, and
this is really beautiful with bonnet just the
shade of my fur - I think I must have
my photo. taken in this dress to have you see how

5th

Pretty and graceful ~~the~~
and coat both heavily lined,
cost 290 fls - 116.0 - That is
very cheap -

We are looking forward
with pleasure to seeing you
soon, as I have been begging
him to come over for some
time, I think he may do
so - I feel very badly that you
send no answer at all as to
your coming or not, when
I am so anxious to have
you come and see our own

Comfortable home and how
well fixed we are - It is
really better than the Morris-
town house which never
quite satisfied you - Don't
you feel that you could
shake up your mind to
run over with one of your
boys - It is so delightful
to think of Harry having
settled comfortably into a
happy domestic life which
he should have done long
ago - and Bud and Nat
coming to all in very gay and

Look making no all good of him at
his law and not his accomplishments -
Our children are doing well in their studies
Julia always has and being amazed
her brother is very fond of studying - Her
span both from mine and - Julia is now
a great deal taller than I am. It makes
me feel rather silly & she is little beside her.
We consider ourselves fortunate in having
escaped the general "Influenza" though
we all had a little cold - I think the
Climate of Vienna is much more healthy
than New York. The Drs (from whom we see many
from the Medical Schools) make a great hub and
cry about the amount of Consumption and
Pneumonia here but it is among the poor
who all live in the basements of the houses.
I am going to have the three little American Chil-
dren with mine "Quas day" at lunch and a
small tree lighted in the middle of the table.
Nothing of an effort at all - Quas evening
we dine with Sir Augustus and Lady Rpt.

9th New Year's evening all
Jr in state & Prince Hsiaoohai;
thus paying their respects and
Compliments for the New Year
to the Emperor, who himself
is rarely ever seen like other
Rulers - The Royal Family &
Princes & Princes to remain till
after the Anniversary of the
Crown Prince's death.

I will now be making a great
many calls in my fine plum-
det (with bonnet & match
which I had fixed over) and

I will also be very much
to the Opera.

I have had my long brown shawl
set with yellow front pinned
on - Yellow ostrich plumes put
around the square collar; and
also my white dress rearranged.

I cannot decide until I see
the "Oxyenne" which I must
wear to Hohenhausen's.

Wendy has the wedding lace
dress made up for any other
sorrow face that may occur
or keep it till another time
when there seems a probability

If a State or Court Ball ^{is} I would go then
The long yellow Court Train cut and wear
it this winter, and not get another evening
dress or would you have the train made shorter
and wear it? Please write me your advice
as soon as you get this - I had meant upon
keeping the yellow Brocade just as it is for
some future occasion at court.

Mrs Beldy Mrs Stewels's old nurse and housekeeper
has been ^{to} ~~with~~ ^{with} them & does all she can for me
and she has been invaluable, gotten all
my servants and does so much for me in every
way possible - She is very intelligent and
not just a servant - Is already devoted to my
children and is always signing over her dear
Gessie, Mrs Stewels's boy whom she really brought up
from baby hood. He has always been an orphan
and is now Mrs Beldy fears in love, with rather
a common girl whom his family can't bear. Mrs
Beldy says she makes her loved what a lovely girl he
is tho - It is very funny - By the way please tell

Sis that the interesting
Grant Scott, whose board
at a Cheap boarding ^{house} Buck
fair all the summer, has
taken unto himself a wife
and the family Grant are
anxious to know where he
got the money to pay the Minis-
ter - It is amusing - It
is probably not a very nice
person he has married, as
the family preserve silence
on that subject.

Love to all - This will reach
you about New Year as it takes
12 days - No more of this, off I do it!